



Editor's notes

A little of this... ...a little of that

'TIS THE SEASON to be jolly!

Yes, but not too jolly. Remember all the trouble one can get into while mixing drinking and driving. And the holiday season is the best time to remind people of these kinds of troubles.

Be a friend - don't let a friend drive drunk. And don't drive a car yourself after having too much to drink.

All too often we hear of tragedies that occur around the holidays. And, even though these tragedies occur all year long, they seem doubly tragic when they happen during the Christmas season. This is supposed to be

a time of joy - a time when people share time with family and friends and a time when all of us are supposed to be merry.

Keep the holidays merry for you and for those who love you - don't drink and drive.



DOTTY MARTIN

THERE SEEMS to be so much emphasis placed on drinking and driving anymore - even more this year than ever before.

I stopped in a local liquor store the other day to buy my annual bottle of holiday cheer. (And, yes, I did only buy one bottle.)

There were two young girls from one of the area high schools standing outside the liquor store - in rather nippy weather, I might add. Neither one of these girls spoke a word to me upon my entering the store. However, when I exited with a bottle in my possession, they immediately jumped on me and offered me a stackful of literature about the ongoing drinking and driving campaign.

I took the literature home and read through every bit of it - partly because I have known a few innocent people in my life who have lost their lives because of a drunk driver and partly because I respected these young girls for standing out in the cold weather to do their part for the drinking and driving campaign.

THE LITERATURE they gave me did hit home. It made me more aware of just how many people drink and drive and how we can all avoid the tragedies that seem to strike at this time of year.

For those of you who may be interested in obtaining information on drinking and driving (either for yourself or for a loved one you think may have a problem), here are two addresses from where this information may be obtained:

The Valley Automobile Club
100 Hazle Street
PO Box AAA
Wilkes-Barre, Pa. 18703

or:
The Governor's Traffic Safety Council
1214 Transportation and Safety Building
Harrisburg, Pa. 17120

Take a moment - write to either of these organizations. The information you receive may help to save a life - either your own or that of someone you love.

I RAN INTO an old friend at a local coffee shop the other evening - well, she's not really an old friend, but rather a young person who's been a friend of mind for a long time. (And, for you wise guys out there - no I did not injure her when I ran into her, either.)

Patty Ginocchetti, wife of the infamous Gino of Gino's Shoe Store in Dallas, was treating two of her four children to a snack. Annette and Brian Ginocchetti had just finished performing exceptionally well in their school Christmas play and

Mom was rewarding them to a night out after the program. Dad had to miss the fun, however, as he was home with the couple's other two children.

Patty and I go way back - all the way back to West Wyoming, as a matter of fact. As we were growing up, our backyards met and our families were always good friends.

I was thrilled to see that Patty had kept up her swimming talents and was still racking up medals in the pool. She and her three sisters were always bringing home trophies while swimming their way to the finish line at the Pittston YMCA when we were kids.

I always figured out that's why their father had to build that big house in West Wyoming - just to make room for all those trophies.

Anyway, Patty, a great big Merry Christmas to you and Gino and the kids - and to your Mom and Dad, too. Hope your holidays are happy. (And you thought I would spare you from this column, didn't you? Fooled you!)

CONGRATULATIONS TO Lynn Sheehan Jr. on the recent addition to his family. Lynn got a baby boy (a boy deer, that is) during the recent hunting season.

Lynn shot his third deer in Lehman, but ran to the butcher shop so fast with it, we never had a chance to photograph him with his prize.

Anyway, good job, Lynn.

A GREAT BIG HELLO to Jerry Kowalski of the staff at Mary J. Crispell Real Estate on Memorial Highway in Shavertown.

I was introduced to Jerry at a holiday party the other evening and found I could relate to her rather easily - she seems to be a fun-time person.

GOOD LUCK to Dr. Harry Reich of the Back Mountain on a new cosmetic surgery procedure he has introduced to the Wyoming Valley area at Nesbitt Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Reich, who is currently participating in a worldwide lecture series, has become well-known for his work with infertility patients. His cosmetic surgery procedure is something that has been rather successful in Europe, but is new to this country.

LIZ REICH, Harry's wife, is busy running around these days, getting ready for the holidays and spending time with her mother who is visiting this country from her native England.

Liz recently joined the staff at Pennaprint Inc. and will be writing for our new publication, the Northeast Pennsylvania Business Journal.

Liz has become rather well-known throughout the Back Mountain and Wyoming Valley area for all the volunteer fund-raising work she has done for area charitable organizations.

For those of you who may know Liz, watch for her byline in future editions of the new business journal.

AND TO ALL OF YOU who have remained faithful to this column and to this newspaper during the past year, I would like to wish each and every one of you the most beautiful Christmas season possible.

Remember the true meaning of Christmas - the sharing, the rejoicing, and the caring. Take a moment to reflect on the real reason we celebrate Christmas and thank God for the opportunity to share this season with those you love and those who love you.

I hope all of you enjoy the happiest, healthiest Christmas season ever and may peace and goodwill come to each and every one of you.

Merry Christmas!

Commentary



REMEMBERING

Oneonta Hotel

Shown here is a photo of the former Hotel Oneonta at Harveys Lake.

Only yesterday

Father J.J. O'Leary announces retirement

50 YEARS AGO - DEC. 27, 1935
Father J.J. O'Leary, beloved pastor of St. Therese's Church, Shavertown, announced that he would resign his post due to poor health. Father O'Leary, who served as chaplain during World War I, had been wounded while administering to soldiers in France which affected his health.

The highest Masonic office in Pennsylvania was bestowed upon Harold N. Rust, Trucksville when he was installed as Right Worshipful Grand Master of the State Grand Lodge.

Engaged - Winifred Jones and Willard W. Hoover; Katherine Sharp Harding and Robert Van Fleet Tompkins; Ada Garinger and Peter R. Kuchta.

Married - Norman O. Steele and Hazel Howell; Irene H. Pealer and Atty. Wallace W. Seeley; Marion Welsh and Floyd Mansfield.

Deaths - Mary Jones, Shavertown.
You could get - Oranges 39c doz.; cabbage 3 lb. 5c; tomatoes 15c lb.; onions 3 lb. 10c; Golden Egg noodles 2-6 oz. pkg. 15c; Victor Bread 6c big loaf; Iced Black Walnut Ring Cake 43c ea.; lima beans, 4 cans 25c.

40 YEARS AGO - DEC. 28, 1945
Hearing tests, under the supervision of Pennsylvania Department of Health, were being conducted in local schools.

Stephen Wolfe, Meeker, would observe his 90th birthday on New Year's Day with an open house for friends. A farmer and carpenter by trade, Wolfe was an expert watchmaker. He enjoyed a still active life and was in good health.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Francis McCarty, Trucksville, 36 years.

Deaths - Fay Williams, Harveys Lake; Elizabeth Culbert, Dallas; J. Ray Isaacs, Shavertown; Emma Beline, Jackson Township; Walter Bronson, Pike's Creek; Nancy Howell, East Dallas; Walter Roberts, West Pittston.

You could get - Oranges 37c doz.; tangerines 33c doz.; sweet potatoes 3 lb. 29c; flour 10 lb. bag 47c; mixed nuts 45c lb.; peanut crunch peanut butter 35c lb.; 46 oz. can tomato juice 21c; chickens 42c lb.; franks 33c lb.; cod 35c lb.

30 YEARS AGO - DEC. 30, 1955
A 12-point rack 19 inches across, with 11-inch points caused a furor at the American Legion Home, where area deer hunters were comparing their kills. Robert Pickett, East Dallas, was the lucky hunter who bagged the 12 pointer.

Six members of the Bird Club following a directive from the Audubon Society, took the annual winter-bird count. Mrs. Arnett Jones, Edwin Johnson, Mr. and

Mrs. Frank Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Allen Sr. took the count.

Married - Nancy Sanders and Preston Douglas Janes; Nancy E. Brader and Dr. J.B. Marshall, Jr.; Anna Simon and Walter Watkins.

Anniversaries - Mr. and Mrs. Harry Post, Trucksville, 34 years.

Deaths - Michael J. Tormey, Harveys Lake.
You could get - Chuck roast 33c lb.; veal roast 49c lb.; Emporor grapes 2 lb. 25c; Pascal celery 19c bunch; peanuts 39c pkg.; 8 oz. jar Cheese Whiz 29c; seeded rye bread 2 loaves 29c; marble pound cake 49c; coffee cake 29c.

20 YEARS AGO - DEC. 29, 1965
Highlighting the Christmas season for area sports fans was the third annual invitational wrestling tournament hosted by Williamsport High School. Dallas and Lake-Lehman wrestling teams were participating.

Keyettes and Key Club members performed their annual holiday service of sorting out clothes for the needy. George McCutcheon, advisor of the clubs, supervised the work.

Engaged - Thelma Robbins and Arthur Baker.
Married - Edith Crawford and Carl A. Frey; Mary Ellen Davis and Floyd Marley.

Deaths - Thomas Schmdie, Sr., East Dallas; Lila Whitesell, Hunlock Creek.

You could get - Pork loins 43c lb.; turkeys 33c lb.; Box Ritz crackers 19c; bananas 10c lb.; lemons 59c doz. rolls pkg. 8-25c; cod fillet 39c lb.; 2 cans sauerkraut 39c; potato chips 16 oz. family pkg. 59c ea.; coffee 3 lb. \$2.19

10 YEARS AGO - DEC. 31, 1975
The strike at Commonwealth Telephone Company continued. Negotiations broke down after three hours of talks. Commonwealth still stood on an offer of a 9.4 across the board wage increase with increases in fringe benefits, while union leaders asked for a 12.5 increase, better vacation and sick leave benefits.

James Balmer, Dallas High School student, was among 208 musicians in the All State Orchestra and Chorus performing for the Music Educators Association at its bicentennial convention.

Deaths - Albert G. Raph, Dallas; Gertrude Davison, Harveys Lake; Florence Conden, Harveys Lake; Mrs. Wm. F. Gross, Pompano Beach, Fla.
You could get - Veal leg rump roast \$1.39 lb.; ground chuck 99c lb.; sliced bacon \$1.69 lb.; egg noodles 2 pkg. \$1; pollock filets, 5 lb. \$2.99; halibut steak \$2.19 lb.; Viva towels 2 twin packs 99c; Total cereal 12 oz. box 79c.

OPINION

Grossman on economics

Leadership program blooms

By HOWARD J. GROSSMAN
Special to The Dallas Post

A major step was taken recently with the completion of a tri-leadership program event in which Leadership Wilkes-Barre, Leadership Lackawanna, and Leadership Hazleton joined hands to promote economic development.

The leadership programs have become one of the most exciting ventures toward a sound quality of life in the history of Northeastern Pennsylvania. These programs have enabled young talent in the region to study and train and become educated with respect to issues affecting their respective jurisdictions. Twenty to 25 persons are graduated in each leadership class, and, in fact, the leadership programs in Northeastern Pennsylvania have pioneered similar activities elsewhere in the state.

With Leadership Wilkes-Barre having been initiated five years ago, Leadership Lackawanna-four years ago, and Leadership Hazleton starting this year, Northeastern Pennsylvania is ablaze with the development of leadership talent to take on new responsibilities in coming years and decades.

What truly became a major event,

however, was the agreement of the three leadership programs to jointly sponsor a program topic on economic development. Held in one of the newest projects in the region's history, the Montage Ski Area, the program featured not only a panel of experts on the various economic development activities within greater Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, and Hazleton, but was highlighted by a luncheon address by the Pennsylvania Secretary of Commerce, James Pickard.

In the opening kickoff session, two leading bank executives, Dave Tressler, representing Northeastern Bank, and Rick Ross, representing First Eastern Bank, outlined their perception of regional economic development with Tressler highlighting the importance of cooperative economic development programs and Ross spotlighting the recent efforts in Northeastern Pennsylvania to join together and bid for the General Motors Saturn Automotive Facility Plant.

Following the presentations and the luncheon, a two-hour play acting event was held featuring a world-be developer who proposed a project, and the leadership classes were divided into breakout units to respond accordingly to the proposal. The day's activities were closed by

a presentation featuring the theme of regional economic development by Joe Krum of the Pennsylvania Power and Light Company.

As part of the activities during the day's events, the Economic Development Council of Northeastern Pennsylvania participated along with the Committee for Economic Growth (CEG) in Greater Wilkes-Barre, the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce, CANDO of Greater Hazleton, and the Pocono Mountains Vacation Bureau.

Thus was born an innovative tripartite process which hopefully will be continued in subsequent years and, indeed expanded to include other topics. The Economic Development topic would have been featured in each of the leadership programs individually so the jointly sponsored program was credited to each of the leadership programs.

During the nine-month period of time in which nine different functions or issues are highlighted and each of the leadership classes are trained in local and or regional issues, research projects are carried out by some of the leadership classes. These research projects examine a particular issue or develop a particular approach in developing a project of benefit to the quality of life in the service area

LIBRARY NEWS

By NANCY KOZEMCHAK
Library Correspondent

Finally, my Christmas decorating for 1985 can be called complete. There is a beautiful live Christmas wreath hanging in our special coffee place, thanks to some terrific people.

Thank you to Chuck for bringing the ground pine, to Julie for finding the coat hanger and shaping it into a circle, and to Will for finding a nail and putting it up. Julie and I wound the ground pine around the hanger to make the wreath and I must say even if it is a little lopsided, it is lovely.

Could not find a proper bow so used a small colored one temporarily, then I brought a bright red larger bow down later and added it to the wreath and as John said, now it is beautiful. Thanks, John, for that sandwich, which made the whole project worthwhile. A handmade project which makes Christmas what it is.

The library auction Christmas dance held at the Woodlands was a great success. It turned into a gala event with a delicious dinner followed by dancing and a mini-auction featuring Christmas items. Hopefully, the dinner-dance will become an annual event.

I took Mrs. Crump to Yesterdays for dinner to celebrate her 91st birthday and we had a great evening. A good friend and neighbor of hers had a birthday cake complete with sparkler sent to the table, which we shared with him and other friends who also had a birthday person with them. That birthday person received a bottle of champagne with a sparkler and we got to share that with them. Some other friends remarked to us later, it seemed like the entire Back Mountain community was there that night. This is a neat place, good food, great restaurant and mostly, it is home town. Florence T. Crump, a terrific lady at 91.

I had a private showing in the Children's Room of some special video-cassettes on our VCR, thanks to Marilyn Rudolph, our children's librarian. This VCR was purchased by the library through funding from the state LSCA grant. Saw The Little Drummer Boy, which is a 7 minute color iconographic video. Other Christmas cassettes include The Snowman, 26 min. color, animated and Morris's disappearing bag, 6 minute color animated. These are really terrific cassettes to watch.

You, too can help the hungry

Today, seven out of every 10 families in the world live in an underdeveloped country and eight out of every 10 babies born today begin life in an impoverished family. In underdeveloped countries, the population often doubles every 15-20 years. Developed countries, in comparison, are growing around 1 percent per year.

Find out about this global situation and learn what you can do to influence U.S. Food policy. Write for the Correspondence Course, YOUR FOOD, Box 5000, University Park, PA 16802. Make your check for \$5.25 which includes postage and handling, payable to Penn State.

System reaches milestone

The Selective Service System reaches an important milestone in the registration of young men on January 1, 1986.

Beginning on this date, men who were required in 1980 to register with Selective Service will be turning 26. Selective Service does not have the authority to accept registrations of men after they turn 26. Men who failed to register will have permanently forfeited their right to certain Federal student aid and job training benefits as well as Federal employment. Additionally, registration with Selective Service is a

requirement in some states for various employment opportunities, such as law enforcement agencies and permission to practice law.

Men born in 1960 who have registered, will reach age 26 in 1986 and, under present law, will no longer be eligible for selection for induction. Over 15 million men, age 18 through 25, have registered with Selective Service since President Carter initiated registration in 1980.

Many of the men who are non-registrants may be unaware of the requirement or do not understand the importance of the obligation to register.

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